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Lingle Meets With Israel's Prime Minister

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HONOLULU -- In her second day of a diplomatic tour of Israel, Gov. Linda Lingle met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Jerusalem Mayor Yuri Lupolianski and members of the Knesset.

Lingle and her delegation of state department heads are meeting with their Israeli counterparts to discuss mutual challenges and solutions.

"Also our agriculture director will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding later this week in the area of aquaculture, biotechnology and irrigation," Lingle said.

The 27-member delegation also toured the Western Wall and Old City.

"Jerusalem is an exciting city, a mixture and old and modern. And people of Israel's desire for peace is so obviously and strong wherever you go. That's what people are talking about. Hawaii is seen by everyone as a paradise. Everybody wants to come," Lingle said.

The delegation is scheduled to tour Galilee and a military base near the Golan Heights on Wednesday.

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